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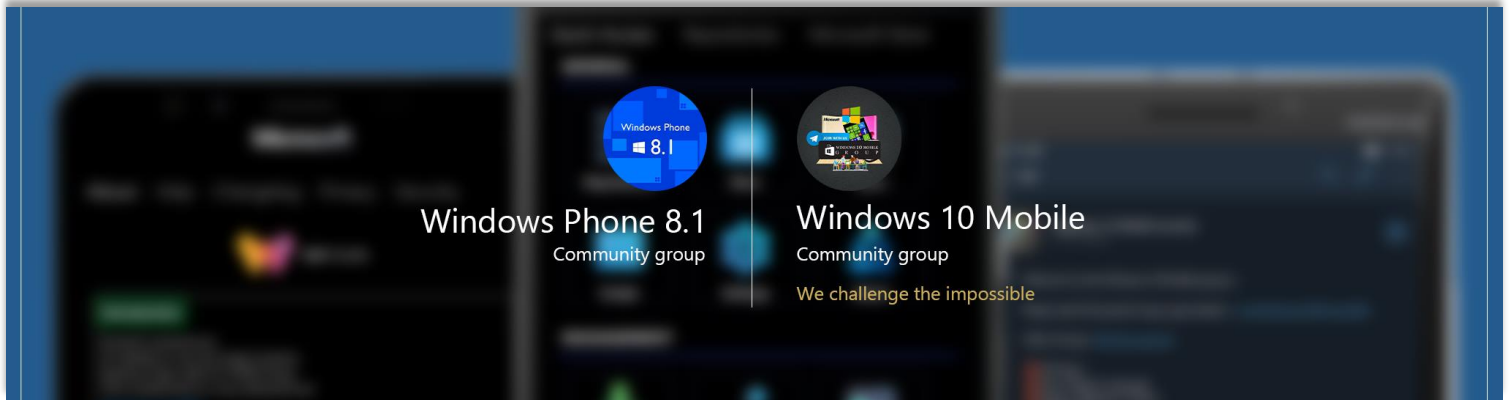
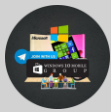


HOW TO UNINSTALL SYSTEM APPS IN W10M

COMPLETE-GUIDE

Requirements

- ❖ Windows phone device running Windows 10 Mobile.



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HOW TO UNINSTALL SYSTEM APPS IN W10M DEVICES

- > *Uninstall System applications*
- > *Excepted System applications*
- > *Stock application package collection*

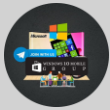


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Introduction

What are system apps?

Windows 10 Mobile comes with **several system applications** which can't be uninstalled normally via the **Settings** or **Apps** list.

To name a few: *Alarms & Clock, Calculator, Camera, etc...*

Why uninstall system apps?

There can be many reasons for having the need to uninstall system apps.

Like for example; *When a system app isn't working (Crashing or any other issue), your best bet is a reinstall but system apps by default cannot be uninstalled hence not possible to reinstall.*

But with this guide, **you will be able to uninstall almost all of the system applications.**

Are there any exceptions?

Sadly yes, the below system apps **cannot be uninstalled.**

| EXCEPTIONS

- Cortana
- Continuum
- Get help
- Gadgets (Only in X50)
- Microsoft edge
- Settings

Preparations



Download Interop Tools & install in your Lumia.

(You don't have to Interop Unlock to Uninstall system apps)



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How to uninstall System applications

> Open **Interop Tools**.

Choose **"This Device"** as the registry provider.

Select a provider for this application session

 This device

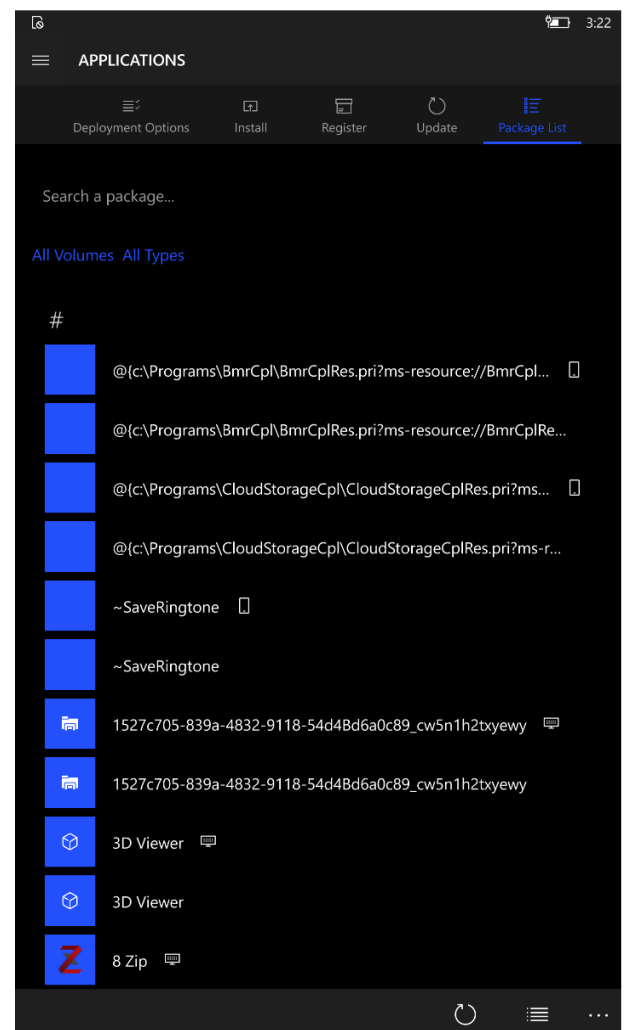
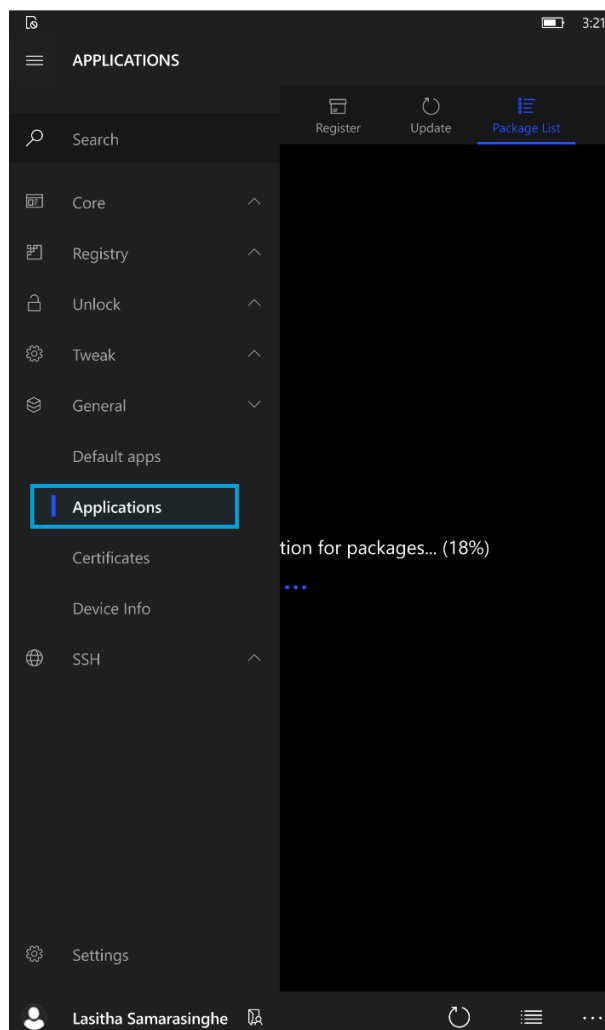
Connects to this device natively using different runtime components. Provides system level access for Nokia (excluding x50s), Samsung and LG devices. Other devices get normal access to the registry.

Use this provider

> Open the side menu & expand the **General** section.

There, click **Applications** entry.

That will list all the packages which are installed currently in your device.





Now you can use two methods to select & uninstall the system app/s you want to uninstall.

Each method has it's own uses.

/ METHOD 1: Long press & Uninstall

USAGE: Can be used to uninstall a single app per once.

Steps:

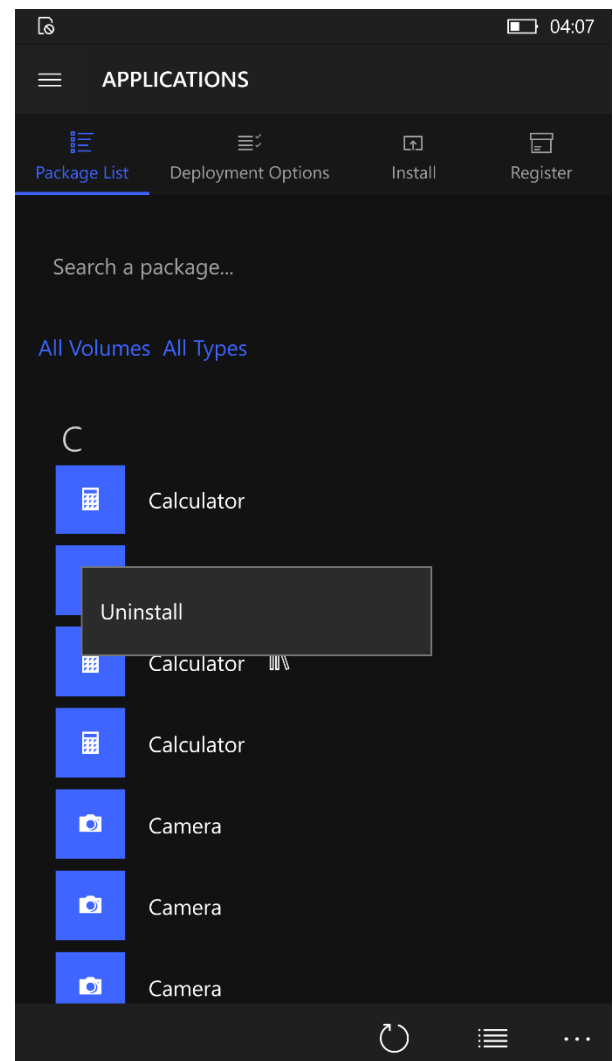
> Find the app you want to uninstall in the list.

> Press & hold on the application entry for like 3 – 4 *seconds* and release the hold.

Then click “**Uninstall**” from the appeared menu.

NOTE

If the app you are going to uninstall have multiple entries, Choose the one with the **Books** icon to uninstall all entries at once.





/ METHOD 2: Using Multi-select function

USAGE: Can be used to uninstall a set of apps at once.

Steps:

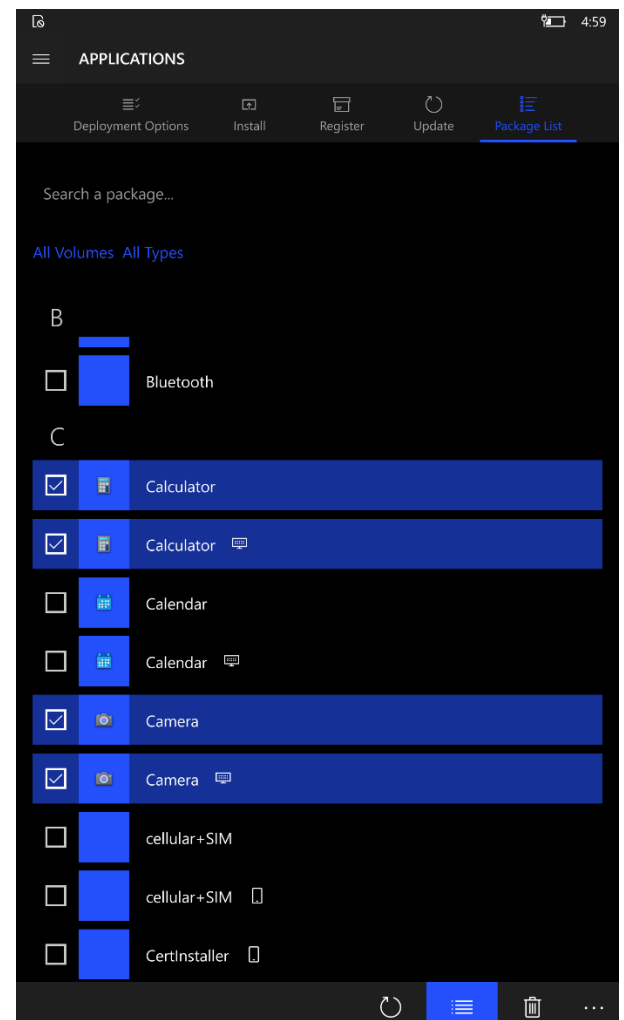
> Click on the multi-select button on the bottom bar of the app.



> Then, select the system app/s you want to uninstall.

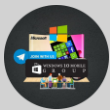
NOTE

There can be multiple entries of the same app like 3 or 4 of them.
Simply select all of them.

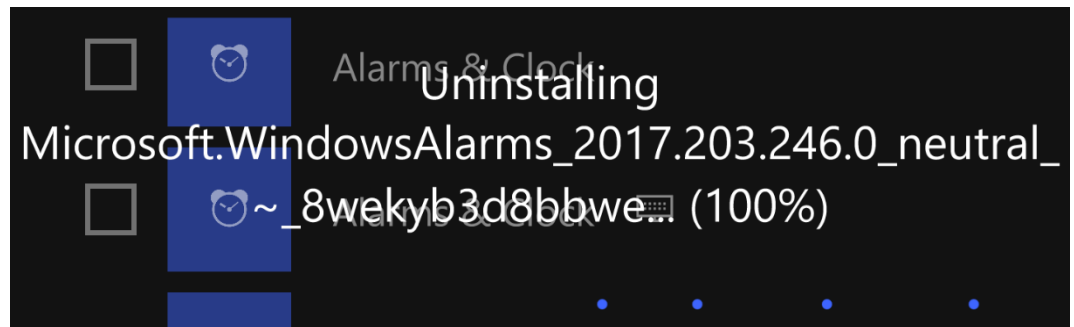


> Then, click on the Uninstall button on the bottom bar.



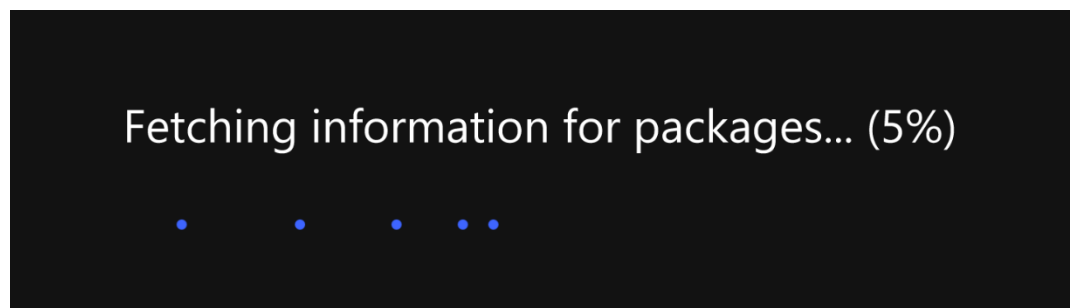


Either which method you used, the application/s you selected to uninstall then will start to uninstall.



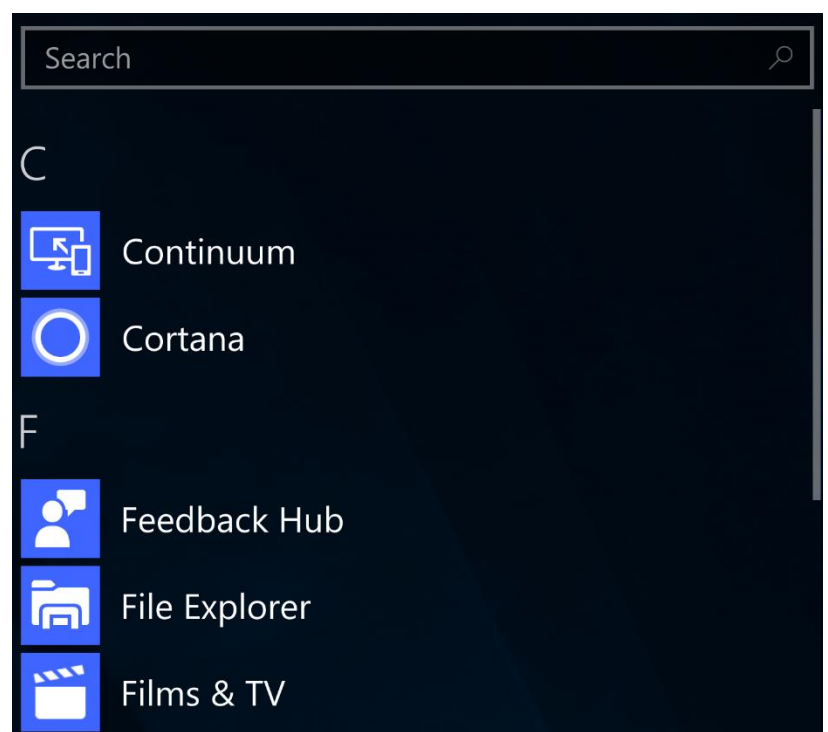
(If you used Multi-select method to select several apps, then it will keep uninstalling the apps you selected one by one)

> Once all the apps you selected are uninstalled, the app will start to re-build the package list with latest data.



> At this point, you can **either let it load or simply go to the apps list and see if the app/s you selected is uninstalled.**

I selected “Alarms & Clock” app to uninstall & as you can see it’s uninstalled so *no longer in the apps list*.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. Do I need Interop Unlock to Uninstall System applications?

A. NO, **you don't need Interop Unlock.**

Q. I have selected multiple entries of multiple apps and selected Uninstall, but the uninstallation process seems to be stuck on uninstalling one certain app I selected, how to get around with it?

A. Simply use **"Refresh"** button in the bottom bar to refresh the list, then re-select and re-uninstall.

(TIP: All the previous apps prior to the uninstall got stuck will be uninstalled even though the process gets stuck)



Q. My package list view in Interop Tools is different than the ones in the guide, what is the reason?

A. The package list view has been updated a lot in different version in Interop tools so it may look different in several Interop tools versions (*List view / Grid view*)

The screenshots in the guide is from the latest Interop Tools version to this date **(2.1.24)**

Q. What happens if I try to uninstall one of the excepted system apps?

A. The application **simply won't uninstall** no matter how many times you try.

(HINT: Do not force uninstall the system apps by deleting their package folder via Mass Storage Mode, your phone will get into a boot-loop after that)



Credits

- ✓ Gustave Monce for Interop Tools

That is all for this guide!

THANK YOU!!

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